Fencing along LoC

4881. SHRI N.K.PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is carrying out fencing along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the distance to which the fencing is completed and the distance to which the fencing is proposed to be undertaken;

(c) the total amount earmarked by Government for fencing; and

(d) the precautionary measures undertaken by the Government to check infiltration in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Army has proposed construction of approximately 520 Kms. of fencing at selected places along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the actual construction work would begin only after all the preparatory arrangements are finalized and there is improvement in the weather/terrain conditions.

(c) As per the initial estimates, a sum of approximately Rs. 85.00 crores would be required for these works.

(d) Adequate military measures have been put in place to thwart Pak designs and intercept terrorist groups attempting to infiltrate into Jammu and Kashmir. The counter measures include surveillance of all known routes of infiltration, including use of unattended ground sensors, multitiered deployment of troops, construction of fencing on the International Border, etc. This operational posture is constantly being reviewed based on intelligence inputs and is paying good dividends by way of attrition caused on the terrorists.

Murder of school boy in Delhi

4882. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an unabated increase in the crime rate in the capital, Delhi, and it has now extended its tentacles to local schools;

(b) whether heinous murder of Vikas Swain, student of Class IX of Navyug School, Moti Bagh was committed on 21st October, 2002 in school premises at the behest of the Principal in a calculated manner, which is being hushed up as a suicidal act; and

(c) whether statements of residents of adjoining colony were recorded and father of the boy taken into confidence, if so, the factual details of investigation and action taken against the accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The investigation of this case has been transferred to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Crime Branch of Delhi Police have so far examined 14 persons in connection with this case. Separately, the hand-writing expert has opined that the "suicide" note recovered from the place of incident was written by the deceased boy.

Encroachment on the roads in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi

4883. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unauthorized hawkers have encroached upon the roads in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi during the last one year causing traffic jams on roads;

(b) whether Delhi Police have failed to remove these unauthorized hawkers causing lot of inconvenience to the residents; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to remove all the unauthorized hawkers from the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Delhi Police take appropriate legal action against unauthorized encroachments on public roads. It also assists the land owning agencies in the removal of unauthorized encroachment on public land.

Non-Payment of salary to Commandos

†4884. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Commandos of Delhi Police engaged in security of V.I.Ps. and V.V.I.Ps;

(b) since how many months such commandos engaged in security have not been paid salary and the names of officials responsible; and

(c) steps taken by Government to take action against officials responsible for not making payments and for making immediate payments to all the commandos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) There are at present 182 Commandos of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.